

RENTON CITY COUNCIL  
Regular Meeting

June 16, 2008  
Monday, 7 p.m.

Council Chambers  
Renton City Hall

MINUTES

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Denis Law called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**ROLL CALL OF  
COUNCILMEMBERS**

MARCIE PALMER, Council President; DON PERSSON; KING PARKER; TERRI BRIERE; RICH ZWICKER; GREG TAYLOR. MOVED BY TAYLOR, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCILMEMBER RANDY CORMAN. CARRIED.

**CITY STAFF IN  
ATTENDANCE**

DENIS LAW, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; LAWRENCE J. WARREN, City Attorney; BONNIE WALTON, City Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Public Works Administrator; ALEX PIETSCH, Community and Economic Development Administrator; GERALD RERECICH, Recreation Director; FIRE CHIEF/EMERGENCY SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR I. DAVID DANIELS and DEPUTY CHIEF ROBERT VAN HORNE, Fire Department; DEPUTY CHIEF TIM TROXELL, Police Department.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**  
Fire: Employee Promotions

Fire Chief/Emergency Services Administrator Daniels announced the Fire Department promotions, as follows:

- Firefighter Tom Curtis, promoted to Lieutenant;
- Lieutenant Greg Hartman, promoted to Captain;
- Captain Karl Rufener, promoted to Battalion Chief/Safety Officer;
- Battalion Chief/Safety Officer Bill Flora, promoted to Deputy Chief

Each promoted employee was presented with a badge of position by his spouse. Mayor Law thanked the promotees for their service.

**ADMINISTRATIVE  
REPORT**

Chief Administrative Officer Covington reviewed a written administrative report summarizing the City's recent progress towards goals and work programs adopted as part of its business plan for 2008 and beyond. Items noted included:

- \* Everyone is welcome to attend the Benson Hill Community Celebration and Neighborhood Picnic at Cascade Elementary School on Saturday, June 21, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Hot dogs, lemonade, and ice cream will be provided. For more information about the picnic, contact Norma McQuiller at 425-430-6595.

**AUDIENCE COMMENT**

Citizen Comment: Marczewski  
- Private Road Maintenance  
(Cedar Ridge Dr SE)

Stanley Marczewski (Renton) stated that he is the spokesperson for the Falcon Ridge Homeowners' Association. He submitted a letter via the City Clerk concerning the maintenance of a private road (Cedar Ridge Dr. SE) that leads into the Falcon Ridge subdivision.

Citizen Comment: McOmber -  
Emergency Preparedness  
Event

Howard McOmber (Renton) announced that the emergency preparedness event held on June 12 by the Highlands Community Association was a tremendous success. He thanked City officials and staff who attended and participated.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Items on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing. At the request of Councilmember Persson, item 6.d. was removed for

separate consideration.

Council Meeting Minutes of  
6/9/2008

Approval of Council meeting minutes of 6/9/2008. Council concur.

AJLS: City of Renton  
Business Plan, 2009-2014

Administrative, Judicial, and Legal Services Department recommended acceptance of the 2009-2014 City of Renton Business Plan. Council concur. (See page 202 for resolution.)

CAG: 08-068, North  
Highlands Neighborhood  
Center Roof Replacement,  
Olympic Roofing & Remodel

City Clerk reported bid opening on 5/28/2008 for CAG-08-068, North Highlands Neighborhood Center Roof Replacement project; eight bids; engineer's estimate \$139,000; and submitted staff recommendation to award the contract to low bidder, Olympic Roof & Remodel, LLC, in the amount of \$74,556. Council concur.

Community Services: Ron  
Regis Park, Washington  
Wildlife Recreation Program  
Grant

Community Services Department requested authorization to apply for a \$500,000 matching grant from the Washington Wildlife Recreation Program for capital improvements at Ron Regis Park. Refer to Finance Committee.

Human Resources: New  
Administrative Assistant  
Position

Human Resources and Risk Management Department requested approval to hire a new Administrative Assistant position, and approval of the related 2008 Budget amendment. Refer to Finance Committee.

Transportation: I-405 (at  
Talbot Rd S) Cooperative  
Traffic Signal Operation,  
WSDOT

Transportation Systems Division recommended approval of a memorandum of understanding with the Washington State Department of Transportation regarding the cooperative operation of traffic signals at the I-405 ramp located at Talbot Rd. S. Refer to Transportation (Aviation) Committee.

MOVED BY PALMER, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS AMENDED TO REMOVE ITEM 6.d. FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION. CARRIED.

**Separate Consideration Item  
6.d.**

CAG: 08-071, City Shops  
Buildings A-2, B, & C Roof  
Replacement, Krueger Sheet  
Metal

City Clerk reported bid opening on 5/28/2008 for CAG-08-071, City Shops Buildings A-2, B, and C Roof Replacement project; seven bids; engineer's estimate \$220,000; and submitted staff recommendation to award the contract to low bidder, Krueger Sheet Metal, Co., in the amount of \$246,810.88. ~~Refer to Finance Committee for discussion of funding.~~ Council concur.

Noting that the contract amount is approximately \$1,800 over budget, Councilmember Persson stated that the item did not need to be referred to the Finance Committee. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL CONCUR IN CONSENT AGENDA ITEM 6.d. CARRIED.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS  
Transportation (Aviation)  
Committee**

Transportation: Duvall Ave  
NE Reconstruction Utility  
Conversion, Puget Sound  
Energy

Transportation (Aviation) Committee Vice-Chair Persson presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the proposed construction agreement with Puget Sound Energy in the amount of \$170,240, to provide underground utility conversion on the Duvall Ave. NE Widening Project. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

**Planning & Development  
Committee**

Planning: 2007 Buildable  
Lands Amendment,  
Countywide Planning Policies

Planning and Development Committee Chair Parker presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to adopt a resolution ratifying the Growth Management Planning Council Motion 07-03. Motion 07-03 amends the Countywide Planning Policies by including the Buildable Lands Report as an appendix, recognizes the completion of the 2007 King County

Planning: Restrictive  
Covenants Removal, Althoff,  
NE Sunset Blvd

Buildable Lands Report, and notes its findings. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See page 202 for resolution.)

Planning and Development Committee Chair Parker presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to authorize the removal of restrictive covenants that were required as a condition to rezone the subject property in 1986 from Residence 3 (R-3) to Office Park (O-P). The covenants required:

1. Zoning of the subject site will revert from O-P back to R-3 if specific development plans in the form of a building permit application, or other land use permit representing an intention to utilize the O-P zoning, such as an application for site plan review or conditional use permit, is not submitted within two (2) years of final approval on this zoning action.
2. The existing homes on the subject site are not to be utilized for any commercial endeavor.

The covenants are no longer relevant as they have either been satisfied or have been supplanted by subsequent rezoning of the property. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Planning: Development  
Regulations (Title IV) 2006  
Docket Review

Planning and Development Committee Chair Parker presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve File #06-14 Itinerant Vendors addressing the farmers markets, and temporary merchant vendor portions of this docket item with modifications from the recommendations made by the Planning Commission. The proposed amendment will make the following changes:

#### Farmers Markets

- Allow farmers markets only in the CD zone
- Add a definition for farmers markets

#### Temporary Merchant Vendors

- Allow temporary merchant vendors subject to peddlers license requirements (Title V)
- Revise Title V to reflect amended zones
- Provide exemptions from permitting requirements for City sponsored events and produce stands
- Revise the definition of outdoor retail sales to remove “produce stands” from the definition

The Committee recommended that allowing farmers markets in other areas of the City be reviewed through the current Business District Overlay work program. The Committee also recommended that an ordinance addressing amendments for farmers market in the CD zone and temporary merchant vendors be forwarded to City Council for first reading. The Committee further recommended that the issue of mobile food vendors remain in Committee for additional research and discussion relating to the nature of these types of uses and restrictions imposed by adjacent jurisdictions. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT.\*

Responding to an inquiry by Councilmember Briere, Community and Economic Development Administrator Pietsch stated that produce sales are specifically exempted from local zoning by the State legislature, cannot be regulated at the local level, and are allowed throughout the City.

**\*MOTION CARRIED.**

**Community Services  
Committee**

Appointment: Knickerbocker,  
Advisory Commission on  
Diversity

Community Services Committee Chair Briere presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve Mayor Law's appointment of Jennifer Knickerbocker to the Advisory Commission on Diversity to fill an unexpired term expiring on 12/31/2009 (position previously held by Erica Rehberg).\*

Councilmember Briere introduced Ms. Knickerbocker, who was present in the audience, noted her impressive résumé, and remarked that all Advisory Commission on Diversity positions are filled. Mayor Law thanked Ms. Knickerbocker for her willingness to serve on the commission.

**\*MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.**

**RESOLUTIONS AND  
ORDINANCES**

**Resolution #3951**

AJLS: City of Renton  
Business Plan, 2009-2014

A resolution was read adopting the 2009-2014 City of Renton Business Plan. **MOVED BY PALMER, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.**

**Resolution #3952**

Planning: 2007 Buildable  
Lands Amendment,  
Countywide Planning Policies

A resolution was read ratifying an amendment to the Countywide Planning Policies to adopt the 2007 Buildable Lands report. **MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.**

The following ordinances were presented for first reading and referred to the Council meeting of 6/23/2008 for second and final reading:

Planning: Development  
Regulations (Title IV) 2006  
Docket Review

An ordinance was read amending Chapter 2, Zoning Districts - Uses and Standards; and Chapter 11, Definitions, of Title IV (Development Regulations) of City Code to amend the regulations regarding fast food restaurants and office and conference uses; and adding a definition of fast food restaurant and amending the definition of drive-in/drive-through retail or service. **MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 6/23/2008. CARRIED.**

Rezone: Hudson Annexation  
Property, R-10 to CN

An ordinance was read changing the zoning classification of certain property (formerly the Hudson Annexation area) within the City of Renton from Residential Ten Dwelling Units per acre (R-10) to Commercial Neighborhood (CN). **MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 6/23/2008. CARRIED.**

Rezone: Hudson Annexation  
Property, R-10 to R-14

An ordinance was read changing the zoning classification of certain property (formerly the Hudson Annexation area) within the City of Renton from Residential Ten Dwelling Units per acre (R-10) to Residential Fourteen

Dwelling Units per acre (R-14). MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 6/23/2008. CARRIED.

Rezone: Hudson Annexation  
Property, R-8 to R-14

An ordinance was read changing the zoning classification of certain property (formerly the Hudson Annexation area) within the City of Renton from Residential Eight Dwelling Units per acre (R-8) to Residential Fourteen Dwelling Units per acre (R-14). MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 6/23/2008. CARRIED.

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Property, R-8 to R-10

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The following ordinances were presented for second and final reading and adoption:

**Ordinance #5388**

Zoning: Annual Update of  
Zoning Book & Wall Map

An ordinance was read adopting the 2008 amendments to the zoning map classification of properties located within the City of Renton. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL. ALL AYES. CARRIED.

**Ordinance #5389**

Budget: 2008 Amendment,  
Firemen's Pension Fund

An ordinance was read amending the 2008 Budget by transferring funds from the 2007 Year-End Fund Balance to the Firemen's Pension Fund in the amount of \$75,000, for the purpose of meeting pension obligations. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL. ALL AYES. CARRIED.

**Ordinance #5390**

Budget: 2008 Amendment,  
Maintenance Custodian  
Position

An ordinance was read amending the 2008 Budget by allocating contract payments from Fire District #40 in the amount of \$66,541 to Fund 001 Community Services Fund; authorizing the addition of a Maintenance Custodian Position; adding the position to the 2008 Budget index of positions; and authorizing appropriation authority to support contracted landscaping costs and hire maintenance staff. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL. ALL AYES. CARRIED.

**Ordinance #5391**

Utility: Sewer Service  
Connection Outside City  
Limits, City Code Amend

An ordinance was read amending Chapter 6, Street and Utility Standards, of Title IV (Development Regulations) of City Code by revising policies by which the City allows connection to its sanitary sewer system by property owners outside of the current City limits. MOVED BY ZWICKER, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL. ALL AYES. CARRIED.

**AUDIENCE COMMENT**  
Citizen Comment: Johnson -

Arland "Buzz" Johnson (Renton) presented photos comparing hanging flower baskets in Lake Oswego, Oregon to those in Renton. He encouraged the City,

Hanging Flower Baskets                      the Chamber of Commerce, and local businesses to work together to fund and continue the flower program.

Citizen Comment: Schmidt - Noise Ordinance                      Joseph Schmidt (Renton) reported loud noises (music) occurring during early morning hours in his neighborhood. He inquired about the City's noise ordinance regulations.

**ADJOURNMENT**                      MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY TAYLOR, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time: 7:39 p.m.

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Bonnie I. Walton, CMC, City Clerk

Recorder: Jason Seth  
June 16, 2008